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In response to the Examiner's reasons for allowance of claims 1, 4-9, and 28-38 in the Office Action mailed September 23, 2004, Applicants do not concede that the reasons for allowance given by the Examiner are the only reasons for which the claims are allowable. The claims are also allowable for other and independent reasons, including the reasons set forth in Applicants' prior communications. Applicants also do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's characterization of the cited references.

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